

**June 2005 - Early Action Compact Progress Report
Laurens County**



1. In an effort to keep our contact information updated; please provide the following information for your county:

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2. Please complete the attached Ozone Awareness Week checklist so that we will know which activities you did to promote awareness.

3. List any progress (if applicable) since your December 2004 submittal? (stakeholder meetings, events held; special projects, fleet Changes, Energy Star products purchased, Tree City USA, TABFTE, etc.)

All reduction strategies as shown in our March 2004 final plan have been implemented. During Ozone Awareness Week (3-28-05 to 4-1-05) we furnished a press release to both local newspapers including the list of 25 things to do for cleaner air. We also provided that information to all County Department Heads and put book marks in employees pay envelopes.

4. Do you have any plans to implement additional strategies and/or education and outreach activities during the 2005 ozone season? (It's not too late to use Ozone Awareness Week ideas!)

We don't have any planned additional programs at this time.

5. Do you have any requests for specific assistance from the Department and/or the EPA?

None at this time.

Supervisor/Manager/Administrator: Ernest B. Segars

Date: June 3, 2005

EAC Contact: Scott Holland

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County Laurens

What did you do?

Ozone Awareness Week 2005

Prior to Ozone Awareness Week (March 28th- April 1st), we provided the following outreach materials. Please check the initiatives that you did and explain to what extent you did them. If you did more, please include those items at the bottom. Also, if you have plans to use any of these materials during the 2005 ozone season, please include that information as well. Thanks for all of your hard work in making the 2005 Ozone Awareness Week a success!

- ☐ Posters (3 different)

Explain: _____

- ☐ Ozone and Your Health brochure

Explain: _____

- ☐ Display?

Explain: _____

- ☒ Season bookmarks in employee paychecks

Explain: Placed in employee pay envelopes during Ozone Awareness Week

- ☒ "Do Your Part to Spare the Air" blue bookmarks in employee paychecks

Explain: Placed in employee pay envelopes during Ozone Awareness Week

- ☐ Link to ozone forecast available on county web site

Explain: _____

- ☐ Coloring book

Explain: _____

- ☒ "DRAFT" Press Release

Explain: Provided release to both local papers along with list of 25 things to do for cleaner air (see attached article printed in Clinton Chronicle as a result)

- ☐ Proclamation from Governor to be distributed

Explain: _____

- ☒ List of 25 things you can do to spare the air... flyer

Explain: Provided to two local papers and to County Department Heads

- ☐ Copy of e-mail to distribute to employees

Explain: _____

Extras:

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Counseling for successful careers: David Rosenbaum has seen literally hundreds of students across the thresholds of fear and uncertainty into successful careers! David Rosenbaum is director of Counseling and Career Services at Piedmont Technical College.

from other people and new situations," he noted. That, said Rosenbaum, is exactly what a person should not do. Self-confidence can be learned; therefore, it is important to give yourself opportunities for success. As we see ourselves succeed, our self-perception will also begin changing.

Enrolling in classes and joining clubs or organizations are excellent first steps to creating a new outlook on who you are. Involvement is very impor-

tant to success. Research shows a definite correlation between outside activities and success in college as well as in life. Further, studies show that people who participate in outside activities manage their time better and have a greater sense of belonging to their college or community. Students who involve themselves in outside activities also typically maintain a higher GPA (grade point average).

25 things you can do to reduce air pollution

Drive Less: In South Carolina, about half of all man-made air pollution comes from mobile sources such as cars, trucks and off-road vehicles. Fewer trips will reduce air pollution.

1. Carpool
2. Walk or ride a bike
3. Shop by phone, mail or the internet
4. Ride public transit where available
5. Telecommute

Drive Smart: How you drive your car can help reduce the pollution it creates.

6. Accelerate gradually
7. Use cruise control on the highway
8. Combine your errands into one trip
9. Obey the speed limit
10. Keep your car properly tuned.
11. Don't top off your gas tank
12. Replace your car's air filter
13. Keep your tires properly inflated
14. When shopping for your next car, look for the most efficient, lowest polluting model

Power plants burn fossil fuels such as coal and oil to produce electricity. When these fossil fuels are burned, pollution is created.

20. Turn off the lights when you leave a room
21. Use a fan instead of air conditioning
22. Microwave small meals
23. Properly insulate your home
24. Insulate your water heater
25. Check with your utility company for more energy conservation tips.

Save Energy: Saving energy helps reduce air pollution.

15. Select water-based products or those that have low volatile organic compound (VOC) content
16. Use water-based paints or those labeled zero VOC
17. Paint with a brush instead of a sprayer
18. Store solvents like paint thinners in airtight containers
19. Use a reel or electric lawnmower and other non-gas powered equipment such as edgers

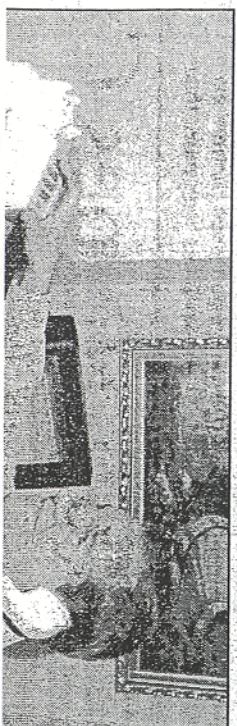
Choose Air-Friendly Products: Many products in your home, yard or office are made of chemicals that escape



ates to PTC: Walgreens has shown its commitment toward education by making a donation to the Pharmacy Technician program at Piedmont Technical College. It, are Dr. Lex Walters, president of PTC, John Hughes, pharmacy manager, Lena Warren, dean of the Health Science division at Piedmont. Hughes also visory board for the pharmacy technician program. In its second semester, the offered through both day and evening courses. For more information about pharmacy technician program, call (864) 941-8324.

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Emerson once said, "All there is for us to make of self-esteem is becoming our



Week set aside in S.C. to encourage awareness of ground-level ozone

Gov. Mark Sanford has proclaimed March 28-April 1 as Ground-level Ozone Awareness Week in South Carolina to help increase awareness among South Carolinians of the causes and health effects of ground-level ozone.

The ground-level ozone season begins April 1 and ends Oct. 31. The concentrations of ground-level ozone become a bigger issue as the weather gets hotter, usually beginning in May.

The S.C. DHEC, the S.C. Department of Transportation, local meteorologists and representatives from the Early Action Compacts within the state are continuing efforts to inform citizens of ground-level

ozone.

In South Carolina, citizens enjoy an abundance of clean air for their outdoor work, recreation and health.

Ground-level ozone is a concern during the summer months when hot temperatures normally occur.

Near the ground, ozone is formed when pollutants from cars, trucks, industries, and other sources react in the presence of sunlight and high temperature.

This type of ozone is an irritant to the respiratory system of children, adults who work outside and for persons with respiratory diseases, such as asthma. Residents may see ozone forecasts while viewing local

television weather reports,

reading local newspapers or on the DOT mobile roadside message boards in Columbia, Greenville and Spartanburg.

Information to help inform South Carolinians of steps they may take to help protect the environment and their health is available through the Bureau of Air Quality's (BAQ) web page at www.scdhec.gov/eqc/baq/ or by calling 803-898-4123.

The ground-level ozone is forecasted by BAQ meteorologists beginning May 1 until Sept. 30. The forecast may also be accessed at the web page above by clicking on "Ozone Forecast."

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